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Mr. President, I was unable to attend the rollcall vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Hala Y. Jarbou, of Michigan, to be U.S. district judge for the Western District of Michigan. Had I been able to attend, I would have voted in support of cloture.

Mr. President, I was unable to attend the rollcall vote on the motion to confirm the nomination of Christy Criswell Wiegand, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. district judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Had I been able to attend, I would have voted in support of confirmation.

Mr. President, I was unable to attend the rollcall vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Thomas T. Cullen, of Virginia, to be U.S. district judge for the Western District of Virginia. Had I been able to attend, I would have voted to oppose cloture.

Mr. President, I was unable to attend the rollcall vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Diane Gujarati, of New York, to be U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of New York. Had I been able to attend, I would have voted in support of cloture.

#### TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER EDWARD H. MURRAY

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the service of Commander Edward H. Murray of the U.S. Navy on the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of Active Duty. I would like to briefly share with my colleagues some of the highlights of his fine career.

For the past 20 years, Commander Murray excelled in leading Navy Sailors as an E-2C naval flight officer. He served sea tours with VAW-116, deploying on the USS *Constellation* and USS *Abraham Lincoln* in support of coalition forces in Iraq and operations in the Western Pacific. He also deployed to the Western Pacific with VTC-12 on-board the USS *Bonhomme Richard*, providing airspace and diplomatic coordination. Ashore, Commander Murray's assignments included a special selection as aide-de-camp to the four-star commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in Naples, Italy, during operations in

Kosovo and Libya. He also served my colleague, Senator TIM Kaine of Virginia, as a legislative fellow and then continued his service in the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs as deputy director of the Senate Liaison Office.

I have gotten to know Commander Murray over the past 2 years through his assignment to the Navy's Appropriations Matters Office. As a representative of the Chief of Naval Operations and Secretary of the Navy, he provided valuable support to Members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees regarding the Navy's budgetary needs. His efforts to provide timely and transparent information to the committees contributed to the enactment of the Defense Appropriations Acts for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Commander Murray also provided superior support to me and many of my colleagues as we traveled across Europe and Asia conducting oversight of critical national security assets abroad.

As Commander Murray departs the Pentagon, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate him on his retirement; to thank him, his wife Amanda, and his family for their years of service; and to wish him the very best going forward.

#### REMEMBERING FIREMAN 2ND CLASS ALBERT RENNER

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, today, as he is buried in the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery just outside of his hometown of Mandan, ND, I honor the life and patriotism of Navy Fireman 2nd Class Albert Renner. Like so many young men of this "greatest generation," he answered the call to defend his country during World War II. On December 7, 1941, at the age of 24, he made the ultimate sacrifice along with 2,402 other soldiers and sailors during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He was serving on the USS *West Virginia*, which sank after being hit by at least seven torpedoes and two bombs.

Last year, aided by a positive DNA sent by his surviving siblings several decades ago, Albert Renner's remains were finally positively identified. On Tuesday, his body arrived at the Minneapolis airport. A full military escort motorcade carrying his casket traveled the 400 miles home to Mandan. Many citizens, including veterans and fire and police men and women, stopped along the highway to solemnly pay their respects as the motorcade passed by.

Attending today's funeral service and burial are members of his family who have traveled from across the Nation to pay their respects to this beloved member of their family. Even though many of them never met him, together they are mourning the lost blessings of Albert not being a part of their family for the past 79 years.

Albert could have had a rewarding life on the family farm or in some other profession. He could have had a wife and family and home of his own.

His burial service today is a poignant reminder of how the sacrifice of heroes defending our Nation have an impact far into the future on those who knew and loved them—and those who never will.

Navy Fireman 2nd Class Albert Renner died so Americans could live in peace and prosperity. He is now back in his home State, lying in eternal rest with other North Dakota heroes. I thank the many patriots who are committed to identifying the remains of all unknown American service members and bringing them home.

To the family of Navy Fireman 2nd Class Albert Renner, I join citizens across our State and Nation in sending our sincere condolences. It is heroes like Albert who have kept our communities, State, Nation, and world safe. His life made a difference in the lives of all of us. We are forever grateful.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### ZOEY'S CONGENITAL CATARACT AWARENESS DAY

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, a special little girl named Zoey is celebrating her first birthday on September 28, 2020. In recognition of this day, Spencer County Judge Executive John Riley is declaring it as Zoey's Congenital Cataract Awareness Day. It is the hope of her parents that every primary care clinician in Spencer County, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and beyond, is aware of this rare cause of blindness that can be surgically treated when diagnosed early enough. As an ophthalmologist, I have had the privilege of participating in these surgeries and know how life-changing early intervention can be. Fortunately for Zoey, after three surgeries, she has a very promising prognosis. I am honored to help make Zoey's birthday wish come true by sharing her story and thereby raising awareness for the early detection and treatment of congenital cataracts.●

##### RECOGNIZING TRINITY AT CITY BEACH

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today I am pleased to honor Trinity at City Beach in Sandpoint as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for September 2020 and recognize them for their efforts to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Established by Justin Dick, Trinity moved to its City Beach location in 2009 and has been an integral part of the Sandpoint community for more than a decade. Named after the holy trinity of peppers, onions, and celery found in traditional Creole cooking,

Trinity attracts tourists and locals alike and has developed a reputation for its quality food, service, and views of Lake Pend Oreille. In addition to serving quality southern cuisine, the restaurant also provides dozens of local jobs and enhances the cultural richness of Northern Idaho through their day-to-day service and steady participation in community events.

In recent months, Trinity at City Beach has done their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19, offering carryout and dine-in eating to the Sandpoint community while safely maintaining CDC social distancing and face covering guidelines. Additionally, Dick and his team have raised money and collected food to be donated to non-profit organizations and healthcare centers in the Sandpoint area to help ease the burden on frontline workers.

Congratulations to Justin Dick and all of the employees of Trinity at City Beach on being selected as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for September 2020. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:36 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2639. An act to establish the Strength in Diversity Program, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2639. An act to establish the Strength in Diversity Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 4582. A bill to extend, temporarily, daylight saving time, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5428. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an investigation of a Forest Service (FS) employee fatality that occurred during the Frog Fire in Modoc County, California, on July 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5429. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to implementation and progress of the strategic plan to improve capabilities of Department of Defense training ranges and installations (OSS-2020-0704); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5430. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral DeWolfe H. Miller III, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5431. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Privacy Program" (RIN0790-AK66) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5432. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Repeal of DFARS Clause 'Ordering'" (RIN0750-AL10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5433. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Defense Logistics Agency Energy as a Source of Fuel" (RIN0750-AK90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5434. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of 'Micro-purchase Threshold'" (RIN0750-AK17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5435. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program" (RIN0790-AJ40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5436. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Security Agency/Central

Security Services Privacy Act Program" (RIN0790-AK68) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5437. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Security Service Privacy Program" (RIN0790-AK67) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5438. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Reconnaissance Office Privacy Act Program" (RIN0790-AK71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5439. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777, this will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5440. A communication from the Director, Naval Reactors, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program's reports on environmental monitoring and radioactive waste disposal, radiation exposure, and occupational safety and health; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5441. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Proclamation 7463 of September 14, 2001, with respect to certain terrorist attacks; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5442. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, with respect to the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States elections; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5443. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amending the 'Accredited Investor' Definition" (Release No. 33-10824) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5444. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Amendments to Regulation Crowdfunding; Extension" (Release No. 33-10829) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5445. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Effective-Upon-Filing Procedure for NMS Plan Fee Amendments and Modified Procedures for Proposed NMS Plans and Plan Amendments" (RIN3235-AM56) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the